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D. TELCON KACHMAR - WRIGHT, OCT 30, 1974

1. CONTRACTOR'S ESTIMATES OF FOOD PACKAGING EQUIPMENT SALES
TABLES 1 AND 3 OF SUBJECT REPORT) AND PROJECTIONS OF
FOOD PACKAGING EQUIPMENT IMPORTS (TABLE 6, REVISED PER
REF D) ARE STILL IN QUESTION FOR REASONS GIVEN IN
ANALYSIS A. BELOW. IN ADDITION, A COMPARISON OF
CONTRACTOR'S REVISED IMPORT PROJECTIONS (AS PER REF. D) FOR
FOOD PACKAGING EQUIPMENT WITH MARKET SIZE PROJECTIONS AND THE
ESTIMATED SHARE OF THE MARKET SUPPLIED BY DOMESTIC PRODUCTION
REVEALS THAT A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF FOOD PACKAGING
EQUIPMENT IMPORTS ARE APPARENTLY REEXPORTED; A COMPARISON OF
FOOD PROCESSING EQUIPMENT FIGURES ALSO INDICATES THE SAME
PATTERN OF REEXPORT ACTIVITY. THESE COMPARISONS ARE GIVEN IN
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ANALYSIS B. BELOW.

2. ACTION REQUESTED

TRANSMIT COPY ANALYSES A AND B TO ANDREW KEARNIG AND ASSOCIATES SOONEST. REQUEST THAT CONTRACTOR: (A) COMMENT ON THE VALIDITY OF COMMERCE REVISIONS OF FOOD PACKAGING EQUIPMENT FIGURES IN TABLES 1, 3 AND 6 GIVEN IN ANALYSIS A; IF CONTRACTOR AGAIN CONFIRMS THE VALIDITY OF FIGURES GIVEN IN HIS REPORT OR FURTHER MODIFIES COMMERCE REVISIONS, HE MUST PROVIDE A FULL EXPLANATION OF THE METHOD USED IN MAKING HIS ESTIMATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3.21.06 OF MARKET RESEARCH SPECIFICATIONS; (B) PROVIDE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION ON THE REASONS FOR THE SIGNIFICANT REEXPORT ACTIVITY SHOWN IN ANALYSIS B, AGAIN IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3.21.06 OF RESEARCH SPECIFICATIONS.

3. ANALYSIS A

ESTIMATED SALES AND PROJECTED IMPORTS OF FOOD PACKAGING EQUIPMENT ARE CONSIDERED TO BE SIGNIFICANTLY UNDERESTIMATED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

1) THE RATIO OF FOOD PROCESSING EQUIPMENT SALES TO FOOD PACKAGING EQUIPMENT SALES IS MORE THAN TEN-TO-ONE IN THE SWEDISH RESEARCH REPORT. THE RATIO VARIES FROM ONLY THREE-TO-ONE TO FIVE-TO-ONE IN ALL OTHER COUNTRIES SURVEYED.

2) CONTRACTOR'S STATEMENT THAT MUCH OF THE EQUIPMENT REPORTED UNDER SITC HEADINGS 719.31, 719.62, AND 719.63 IS NOT PACKAGING EQUIPMENT CONSIDERED VALID. HOWEVER, BREAKDOWN OF PROPORTIONS OF PACKAGING EQUIPMENT SALES ACCOUNTED FOR BY FOOD PACKAGING EQUIPMENT IN THE THREE SITC CATEGORIES, GIVEN BY CONTRACTOR IN REF. C., PUZZLING. WHEN APPLIED TO PUBLISHED 1971 DATA GIVEN IN "INDUSTRI PART 2, STATISTISKA CENTRALBYRAN, STOCKHOLM 1973", THESE PROPORTIONS YIELD TOTAL 1971 SALES VALUED AT 164,858 THOUSAND SWEDISH KRONOR, VERSUS 1972 SALES OF 46,000 THOUSAND SWEDISH KRONOR GIVEN IN REPORT.

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EVEN IF CONTRACTOR USED THESE PERCENTAGES TO DERIVE PACKAGING EQUIPMENT DATA RATHER THAN FOOD PROCESSING EQUIPMENT DATA, AND THEREFORE A FURTHER FIFTY PERCENT MUST BE TAKEN OF THE 164,858 TKR TOTAL, 1971 SALES STILL WOULD BE NEARLY DOUBLE 1972 SALES (FIFTY PERCENT OF 164,858 YIELDS 82,429 TKR IN 1971 VERSUS 46,000 TKR IN 1972).

3) COMMERCE ANALYSIS OF 1971-73 IMPORT AND EXPORT DATA GIVEN IN "UTRIKESHANDEL," WHICH IS BROKEN DOWN INTO SEVERAL SUBHEADINGS UNDER EACH OF THE THREE SITC HEADINGS, INDICATES THAT FOOD PACKAGING EQUIPMENT MOST LIKELY ACCOUNTS FOR:

10 PERCENT OF EQUIPMENT FALLING UNDER SITC 719.31 (BTN 84.22)

42.5 PERCENT OF SITC 719.62 (BTN. 84.19)

NOTE: AN ESTIMATED 15 PERCENT OF THIS CATEGORY COMPRISES DISHWASHING MACHINES AND PARTS; THE REMAINING 85 PERCENT COMPRISES PACKAGING EQUIPMENT.

6 PERCENT OF SITC 719.63 (BTN 84.20)

WE HAVE APPLIED THESE REVISED PERCENTAGES TO THE PUBLISHED 1971 MARKET SIZE DATA AND 1973 IMPORT DATA AND HAVE DERIVED THE FOLLOWING REVISIONS OF PACKAGING EQUIPMENT FIGURES IN TABLES 1, 3 AND 6 AS FOLLOWS:

TABLE 1.--BY APPLYING THE REVISED PERCENTAGES TO 1971 MARKET SIZE DATA GIVEN IN "INDUSTRI, PART 2" (PRODUCTION PLUS IMPORTS MINUS EXPORTS), WE ARRIVE AT 1971 FOOD PACKAGING EQUIPMENT SALES OF 137,552 THOUSAND SWEDISH KRONOR. BY APPLYING THE SAME GROWTH RATES USED BY CONTRACTOR IN TABLE 1 OF RESEARCH REPORT, COMMERCE HAS DERIVED REVISED FIGURES (IN THOUSANDS OF SWEDISH KRONOR) FOR FOOD PACKAGING EQUIPMENT SALES AS FOLLOWS: 147,000 (1972); 137,600 (1973); 137,600 (1974); 144,000 (1975); 160,000 (1978).

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TABLE 3. - USING THE ABOVE REVISED MARKET FIGURES, AND APPLYING THE SAME RATIOS USED BY CONTRACTOR IN TABLE 3 OF RESEARCH REPORT, COMMERCE HAS REVISED TABLE 3 FIGURES AS FOLLOWS:

(IN THOUSANDS OF SWEDISH KRONOR)

	1973	1974	1978
FORMING, FILLING, SEALING, ETC.	20,640	20,640	24,000
WRAPPING, PACKING, ETC.	61,920	61,920	72,000
MARKING, INSPECTING, ETC.	20,640	20,640	24,000

CONTAINER/PRODUCT/PACKAGE, ETC.	34,400	34,400	40,000
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TOTAL	137,600	137,600	160,000
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TABLE 6 - BY APPLYING REVISED PERCENTAGES TO
1973 IMPORT DATA GIVEN IN "UTRIKESHANDEL," WE ARRIVE
AT 1973 FOOD PACKAGING EQUIPMENT IMPORTS OF 82,125 THOUSAND
SWEDISH KRONOR, OR 19,554 THOUSAND
U.S. DOLLARS. ALLOWING NO GROWTH IN 1974 IMPORTS FROM THE
1973 LEVEL (SINCE THE MARKET DOES NOT GROW IN 1974), AND
USING THE SAME GROWTH RATE APPLIED BY CONTRACTOR FOR HIS
REVISED TABLE 6 FIGURES OF DOLS 13,500 THOUSAND IN 1974 AND
DOLS 14,000 THOUSAND IN 1978 PER REF. D., COMMERCE
HAS DERIVED REVISED FIGURES (IN THOUSANDS OF U.S. DOLLARS)
FOR FOOD PACKAGING EQUIPMENT IMPORTS
AS FOLLOWS: 19,550 (1974) AND 20,300 (1978).

4. ANALYSIS B

(IN THOUSANDS OF SWEDISH KRONOR)

1974	1978
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FOOD PROCESSING EQUIPMENT MARKET:	585,000	650,000
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DOMESTIC PRODUCTION (P. 30 OF		
RESEARCH):	438,750	487,500

REMAINING 25 PERCENT IS SATISFIED BY		
IMPORTS:	146,250	162,500

TOTAL IMPORT PROJECTIONS:	399,000	462,000
(I.E., REEXPORTS AS PERCENT OF		
TOTAL IMPORTS):	(63 PERCENT)	(65 PCNT)

FOOD PACKAGING EQUIPMENT MARKET:	43,000	50,000
OF WHICH 70 PERCENT IS SATISFIED BY		
DOMESTIC PRODUCTIO (P. 31 OF		
RESEARCH, REVISED):	30,100	35,000

REMAINING 30 PERCENT IS SATISFIED BY		
IMPORTS:	12,900	15,000

TOTAL IMPORT PROJECTIONS:	56,700	58,800
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(I.E. REEXPORTS AS PERCENT OF		
TOTAL IMPORTS):	(77 PERCENT)	(74 PERCENT)

COMMERCE-REVISED FOOD PACKAGING EQUIP-
MENT MARKET: 137,600 160,000
OF WHICH 70 PERCENT IS SATISFIED BY
DOMESTIC PRODUCTION: 96,320 112,000

REMAINING 30 PERCENT IS SATISFIED
BY IMPORTS: 41,280 48,000

COMMERCE-REVISED TOTAL IMPORT
PROJECTIONS: 82,110 85,260

(I.E., REEXPORTS AS PERCENT OF
TOTAL IMPORTS: (50 PERCENT)(44 PERCENT)
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